

## **PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) will hold three public hearings on a proposed revision to the Commonwealth of Virginia State Implementation Plan (SIP). Two hearings will be held in the Conference Room, Department of Environmental Quality, Northern Virginia Regional Office, 13901 Crown Court, Woodbridge, Virginia, on April 24, 2007. The first hearing will be held at 1:30 p.m. and the second hearing will be held at 6:30 p.m. The third hearing will be held at 6:30 p.m. on April 26, 2007, in the Mustang Café located in George Mason High School. George Mason High School is located at 7124 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, Virginia, and is within walking distance of the West Falls Church Metro Station. The purpose of these hearings is to accept testimony concerning the proposed revision. Using the procedures explained below, the DEQ will also accept written comments until 5:00 p.m., April 27, 2007.

The proposed revision, "State Implementation Plan (SIP) for the 8-Hour Ozone Standard Demonstrating Reasonable Further Progress for 2008 and a Moderate Area Attainment Demonstration and a 2002 Base Year Inventory for the Washington DC-MD-VA Nonattainment Area," consists of (i) a Reasonable Further Progress Plan for 2002-2008; (ii) an attainment plan; (iii) an analysis of reasonably available control measures; (iv) an attainment demonstration; (v) contingency plans for failure to attain RFP and failure to attain the air quality standard; and (vi) mobile source budgets. The revision also consists of the base year 2002 air pollutant emissions inventory, which serves as the basis for all planning activities related to the 8-hour ozone standard for the metropolitan Washington, DC area. This inventory has been prepared in response to the emissions inventory requirements under § 172(c) of the federal Clean Air Act in accordance with 40 CFR 51.915.

The proposed plan was prepared by the Metropolitan Washington Air Quality Committee (MWAQC), which consists of elected officials from the affected localities and representatives of state transportation and air quality planning agencies. The plan is intended to show the progress being made to improve air quality in the Washington nonattainment area and the efforts underway to assure that all necessary steps are taken to reach the federal health standard for ground-level ozone by 2009. MWAQC prepared the plan to comply with the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990; with federal reclassification requirements; and with federal Phase I and Phase 2 implementation guidance.

Comments are invited on the entire plan, including the proposed control measures, contingency measures, mobile source budgets, and inventory. Comments must be submitted according to the procedures specified in the next paragraph to be considered in the formation of the final plan; however, questions may be directed to the contact listed below.

All comments must be received by DEQ by 5:00 p.m., April 27, 2007, to be considered. It is preferred that all comments be provided in writing, along with any supporting documents or exhibits; however, oral comments will be accepted at the hearings. Comments may be submitted by mail, facsimile transmission, e-mail, or personal appearance at the hearings, and must be submitted to Doris McLeod, Air Quality Planner, Office of Air Data Analysis and Planning, Department of Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 1105, Richmond, Virginia

23218 (phone 804-698-4197, email [damcleod@deq.virginia.gov](mailto:damcleod@deq.virginia.gov), fax 804-698-4510). Comments by facsimile transmission will be accepted only if followed by receipt of the signed original within one week. Comments by e-mail will be accepted only if the name, address, and phone number of the commenter are included. All testimony, exhibits and documents received are matters of public record.

The proposal and any supporting documents subject to this public hearing may be examined by the public at (1) the DEQ Main Street Office, 8th Floor, 629 E. Main Street, Richmond, Virginia, (804) 698-4070 and (2) the DEQ Northern Regional Office, 13901 Crown Court, Woodbridge, Virginia (phone 703-583-3800) between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. of each business day until the close of the public comment period.

The proposed plan is available for review online at the following web address:  
<http://sharepoint.mwcog.org/airquality/default.aspx>